

## **DRAFT MINUTES**

Virginia Seed Potato Board  
Trawler Restaurant, Exmore VA  
December 16, 2008

### **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Fred Holland. The minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed and approved, following a motion made by David Scott and seconded by Fred Holland

#### Members Present:

David Scott  
Fred Holland  
Jack Duer  
Phil Hickman  
Doug Gillespie  
I. T. Wilson

#### Virginia Department Agriculture and Consumer Services

J. W. Nottingham, Program Director

### **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

The chairperson asked Butch Nottingham to assume the chair for the purpose of conducting the election of a chairperson for 2008-09. Phil Hickman nominated Wayne Heath to serve as Chairman and Fred Holland as Vice-Chairman. Mr. Scott seconded the nominations. Mr. Hickman moved that the nominations be closed and the nominees be elected by acclamation. The motion was carried and seconded by unanimous vote. Mr. Heath assumed the role as Chair.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Doug Gillespie and I.T. Wilson. Federal-State Inspection Service, Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, gave a brief recap of the 2007-2008 seed season. Doug Gillespie distributed a handout with a breakdown of the different types of seed received in 2008.

The question of the Board's policy in handling of problem loads was discussed.

Members of the Board present felt that the procedure as defined in the minutes of the Board meeting held on October 29, 1991 was working well and should continue for the 2008-09 seed season. This understanding included the handling of red tag loads, requests for releases under stop sale orders, etc. It was decided that the Chairman would again send a letter to growers, explaining the benefits of the seed law to them and asking for their cooperation.

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**NEW BUSINESS**

The Board's rules and regulations were reviewed. The members present expressed that there had been no comments received from the industry indicating any problems and there should be no action by the Board to begin the rule changing process for the year 2009.

Doug Gillespie reported that the Seed Program would be conducted in 2008/09 just as it had in 2007/08, i.e., on a no fee basis. Doug Gillespie Jerry Miles and Walter Buchanan will be handling the seed inspections

There was a general discussion of problems dealing with fusarium tuber rot. It was decided that the Board would continue with this problem as in the past. A REQUEST FOR RELEASE FORM for dealing with problem loads was distributed.

The Board discussed the need for a wrap-up meeting. It was decided that a meeting would not be scheduled for May unless needed.

The price and availability of seed for 2008/2009 was discussed.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Fred Holland  
Vice-Chairman

J. W. Nottingham  
Program Director